

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 5, 1999, at 10:30 a.m., to hold a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 5, 1999, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT AND THE COURTS

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, October 5, 1999, beginning at 10 a.m., in Dirksen Room 226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on African Affairs of the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 5, 1999, at 2:45 p.m., to hold a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR, WETLANDS, PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety be granted permission to conduct a hearing Tuesday, October 5, 9:30 a.m., hearing room (SD-406), on the Environmental Protection Agency's Blue Ribbon Panel findings on MTBE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREST AND PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Mr. McCAIN. I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 5, for purposes of conducting a Subcommittee on Forest and Public Lands Management hearing which is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1608, a bill to provide annual payments to the States and counties from National Forest System lands managed by the Forest Service, and the revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Boos Bay Wagon Road grant lands managed predominately by the Bureau of Land Management, for use by the counties in

which the lands are situated for the benefit of the public schools, roads, emergency and other public purposes; to encourage and provide a new mechanism for cooperation between counties and the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to make necessary investments in federal lands, and reaffirm the positive connection between Federal Lands counties and Federal Lands; and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 5, 1999, to conduct a hearing on S. 1452, the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### COMMEMORATION FOR THE TOWN OF OAKLAND, MARYLAND

• Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise to extend my sincerest congratulations to the town of Oakland, Maryland, as it enters its Sesquicentennial Year on October 10, 1999. Oakland, the county seat of Garrett County, enjoys a long and proud history in the State of Maryland.

Nestled in the Appalachian Mountains, Oakland is blessed with a natural beauty all four seasons, from snowy hills in winter to pastel flowers in spring to lush foliage in summer to gorgeous red, orange and gold trees in autumn. Even Oakland's early name, "Yough Glades," conjures up images of river and forest, natural beauty and abundant resources.

Oakland's rich history tells a story of a small farming community which grew with the opening of the first sawmill, expanded with the arrival of the railroad and continues to grow with old and new livelihoods alike, all the while treasuring those qualities which make it special—beauty, peacefulness and small town charm.

"A Brief History of Oakland, Maryland" by John Grant describes the people, forces and events which shaped the town of Oakland. Three Indian trails met in a meadow on the western edge of Oakland and formed an entrance into the Yough Glades where Native Americans hunted in the forest and fished in the Youghiogheny River for hundreds and hundreds of years. White settlers followed in the 1790s as the fertile soil in "Glades" country attracted more and more farmers.

Around 1830, the first combination gristmill and sawmill provided lumber for the homes and shops in the growing community. On October 10, 1849, the town which had been known by several different names including Yough Glades became "Oakland."

The arrival of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in 1851 triggered a growth spurt in Oakland. Business and tradesmen frequented the newly built Glades Hotel and more people moved to the town. In 1862, Oakland incorporated a regular town government and in 1872 Oakland was selected as the County Seat of the newly formed Garrett County. The B&O Railroad continued its influence on the growth of the town with its construction of the Oakland Hotel in 1875. The hotel attracted many summer visitors, several of whom later built summer homes in Oakland.

Tragedy has struck Oakland more than once, and each time the town bounced back. The Wilson Creek flooded in 1896 and periodically over the next 70 years before a series of dams built in the late 1960s controlled the flooding. A devastating fire destroyed the business section of Oakland in 1898. The town used brick fire walls when rebuilding the downtown area, a far-sighted decision which paid off in 1994 when fire struck again. This time only two buildings were destroyed.

Natural resources and beauty have long contributed to Oakland's economy and continue to do so today. The lumber industry, which began in the late 1800s, still provides jobs in Oakland. Coal, another natural resource, is found in the mountains near Oakland and adds to the economy of the town. And Oakland's natural beauty, which drew visitors to the Oakland Hotel in 1875, continues to attract people from all over the country seeking not only its beautiful vistas, but also its myriad of recreational opportunities all year round. Today, visitors to Oakland can choose from a variety of activities including hiking, biking, fishing, boating and skiing.

The town of Oakland reminds us of all that is good in our country. Oakland is a place where fire and rescue services are still staffed by volunteers, where folks greet each other with a friendly wave and hello, where people work together to support their schools and community, and where patriotism runs deep. In so many ways, Oakland is truly a "Main Street Community," as the State of Maryland has so fittingly designated it.

Once again, I extend my congratulations to Oakland on their 150th anniversary and I invite all my colleagues to visit this Maryland treasure.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ALBERT ENGELKEN

• Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, for 28 years Albert Engelken was the man behind the scenes at the American Public Transit Association (APTA), a Washington-based member organization advancing and representing the interests of public transit systems and industry suppliers across North America.

He was the creative force for the vast majority of APTA's "People Programs," including the innovative International Bus Rodeo, where drivers and mechanics compete in events that test